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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL OBJECTIONS TO \$10 MILLION ZAIRE
SSA LOAN

1. IN VIEW OF STRONG WRITTEN OBJECTIONS REGISTERED BY INOUE, BROOKE AND CLARK, AS WELL AS INDICATION FROM PASSMAN THAT HE TOO WOULD NOW "STRONGLY OPPOSE" SUCH ACTION, AID HAS NOT PROCEEDED WITH INTENDED AUTHORIZATION OF \$10 MILLION SECURITY SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE LOAN FOR ZAIRE. GOING AHEAD DESPITE CONGRESSIONAL OBJECTIONS, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF INOUE, BROOKE AND PASSMAN, WOULD CARRY STRONG RISK OF SERIOUS RETALIATORY ACTION ON HILL, INCLUDING CURTAILMENT OF OUR PRESENT FLEXIBILITY IN ADMINISTRATION OF AID PROGRAM.

2. H, AF AND AID REPS HOPE TO MEET WITH BROOKE JANUARY 23 TO TRY TO WIN HIS SUPPORT AND SEEK HIS ADVICE ON APPROACH
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TO OTHERS. CONCENSUS OF OPINION WITHIN DEPARTMENT/AID IS

THAT ONLY PERSONAL DEMARCHE BY SECRETARY WILL HAVE CHANCE

OF SUCCEEDING WITH INOUE, AND THAT PERSONAL APPROACH BY
SECRETARY TO PASSMAN WOULD ALSO BE DESIRABLE.

3. IF ASKED, OR IF YOU BELIEVE PUBLICITY GIVEN TO THE

CONGRESSIONAL OBJECTIONS MAKES IT ADVISABLE TO VOLUNTEER
EXPLANATION, YOU MAY INFORM GOZ THAT ALTHOUGH WE HAVE
ENCOUNTERED CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION, WE ARE WORKING TO
OVERCOME IT, AND WE STILL HOPE TO BE ABLE TO AUTHORIZE
AN SSA LOAN AT AN EARLY DATE.

4. TEXT OF INOUE, BROOKE AND CLARKE MESSAGES SENT
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